

Howard County Environmental Sustainability Board
November 12th, 2015
Robinson Nature Center
6pm-9pm

Attendees:

ESB Members	OCS Staff
Ned Tillman	Jim Caldwell
Cathy Hudson	Lindsay DeMarzo
Sherman Howell	Laura Miller
Mark Southerland	Rachel Beebe
Betsy Singer	James Zoller
Ed Wilson	Bill Mahoney
Tom Paxton	
Olivia Farrow	
Chein-Chi Chang	
John Dove	
Catherine Strawley	

Summary:

6:15 - Board Chair Ned Tillman welcomed the attendees and asked Office of Community Sustainability Director, Jim Caldwell, to explain the meeting's agenda.

The Board and OCS Staff summarized the current and potential range of County activities relating to the four major topic areas of water quality, agriculture, energy, and the Green Infrastructure Network.

Board and staff developed possible action items or initiatives to either pursue or evaluate for feasibility, within each of the major four topic areas. Board and staff then each placed 16 votes per person next to the items/initiatives they felt should be pursued as priorities. The votes were tallied.

Board and staff discussed the best use for this kind of data. County staff will put the information into an electronic format and the Board Chair will determine how to best present this information to the County Executive and County Council.

The items with the most votes will not necessarily be pursued for implementation. Political will, funding, and other factors must be assessed to evaluate the feasibility of implementing these measures.

The Board will meet in December to further discuss the outcome of this meeting and how to move forward with the results of this voting.

9:00 – Meeting adjourned.